

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for his courtesy and assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application during an interview conducted January 13, 2005. As indicated in the Examiner Interview Summary, at the conclusion of the discussion, counsel and the Examiner agreed on language to distinguish over the cited references of record, which is set forth in Claims 1 and 12 in the foregoing amendment. Accordingly, for the reasons discussed during the interview, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 12, and therefore all claims of record in this application distinguish over the cited references.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this supplemental amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/50239).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary R. Edwards", written over a horizontal line.

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